



ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO: B01009.70004.US

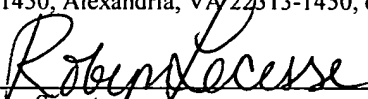
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Risto Pekka Anterio Nokelainen
Serial No: 09/935,917
Filed: August 23, 2001
For: PERFORATION DEVICE
Confirm No.: 2006
Examiner: Peterson, K.E.
Art Unit: 3724

8/B
See
OK
E. J. Smith
6/18/03

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document is being placed in the United States mail with first-class postage attached, addressed to Commissioner for Patents, Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on June 6th, 2003.


Signature

Commissioner for Patents
Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED

JUN 16 2003

AMENDMENT

Sir:

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

In response to the Office Action mailed February 19, 2003 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 14 and 23 to read as follows:

14. (Twice Amended) A method of selectively perforating sheets of paper of a group of sheets, wherein sheets to be perforated are selected as the group is moving successively through a perforating device, the perforating device including a first perforating tool for perforating sheets of paper and a control unit for controlling the perforating tool, wherein the first perforating tool perforates the paper along a direction of the movement of the sheets, the method comprising acts of:

successively receiving a plurality of sheets of paper as input to the perforating device;
and

positioning the first perforating tool in either a perforating position to perforate paper or a neutral position to allow paper to pass imperforated, including:

B